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1. PROFESSORS FARNHAM, HEDIN AND BARTNICKI MET TODAY WITH WARSAW UNIVERSITY RECTOR ZYGMUNT RYBICKI WHO PRESENTED TO THEM A COPY OF A LETTER WHICH HE HAS SENT TO DEAN WILSON. PROFESSOR FARNHAM REQUESTS THAT THE LETTER BE FORWARDED TO DEAN WILSON TELEPHONICALLY ASAP. TEXT FOLLOWS:

DEAR DR. WILSON:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 10, 1976 AND THE VALUABLE INFORMATION IT CONTAINS. THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE MIDWEST UNIVERSITIES CONSORTIUM FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE, ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, A POLISH STUDIES CENTER AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATED IN THE MUCIA, CREATED PROPITIOUS CONDITIONS FOR A SPEEDY PREPARATION OF THE FINAL TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW AND INDIANA UNIVERSITY. THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER ARE AT PRESENT BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW SENATE. I CAN, HOWEVER, STATE ALREADY THAT THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR UNIVERISTIES, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE PRINCIPLES OF FUNCTIONING OF THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW AND THE POLISH STUDIES CENTER IN THE USA HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE

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RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY AND A REQUEST HAS BEEN PUT FORWARD

TO THE SENATE AND THE HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITIES TO GIVE THEIR FINAL SANCTION. WE AWAIT THE FULL TEXT OF THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY PROPOSALS. WE SHALL TRY TO REPLY TO THEM SO AS TO ENABLE THE AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED BEFORE THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1975/76. IN REPLY TO THE INFORMATION IN YOUR LETTER STATING THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1976/77 AS THE STARTING DATE FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE POLISH STUDIES CENTER AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY WE KINDLY INFORM THAT THIS DATE IS ACCEPTABLE TO US AND IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW ALSO COMMENCE ITS ACTIVITIES NO LATER THAN THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1976/77, OR POSSIBLY EVEN EARLIER. WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN APPROPRIATE STEPS TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. I FEEL CERTAIN THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO WRK OUT ALL THE DETAILS OF THE FORMALITIES CONNECTED WITH THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR UNIVERSITIES FAIRLY SPEEDILY. I SHOULD BE VERY HAPPY IF WE COULD MEET BY THE END OF THE CURRENT ACCADEMIC YEAR ON THE OCCASION OF SIGNING THE AGREEMENT. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL OPEN NEW PROSPECTS FOR SCHOLARLY COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR UNIVERSITIES IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND AMITY.

YOURS VERY SINCERELY, ZYGMUNT RYBICKI

2. RECTOR RYBICK HAS ASKED PROFESSORS FARNHAM, BARTNICKI AND HEDIN TO DRAFT A FORMAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARSAW UNVIERSITY AND MUCIA. THIS DRAFT CAN BE ADJUSTED, WHERE NECESSARY, TO ACCOMMODATE FURTHER INDIANA UNIVERSITY PROPOSALS, AS REQUESTED IN RYBICKI'S LETTER TO DEAN WILSON. WE EXPECT THAT THIS DRAFT PROPOSAL WILL BE PREPARED BY MARCH 20.

3. RYBICKI PROPOSES THAT FORMAL SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE OPENNING CEREMONIES, TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MODEST SCHOLARLY SYMPOSIUM. HE URGES THAT THIS BE DONE IN WARSAW, PREFERABLY AS CLOSE TO JULY 4, 1976, AS POSSIBLE. THE PREFERRED TIME IS LATE JUNE. POLES WOULD HOST THE AMERICAN DELEGATION FOR A WEEK OF CEREMONINES AND SIGHT-SEEING. PLANS ARE NOW BEING MADE FOR THE SYMPOSIUM AND WE WILL ADVISE ASAP.

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